Train Service between Jaunpur and Bombay

4739. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a rail service between Jaunpur and Bombay via Allahabad:

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) One IInd class sleeper daily through coach between Jaunpur and Dadar running by 1027/1028 Dadar-Gorakhpur Express and 1 SJV/190 Passenger meets the demand of traffic. There is no justification for running a full train.

[English]

Development of Thanjavur as Tourist Centre

4740 SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu is being developed as an important tourist centre for domestic and foreign tourists, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to restore air services to Thanjavur airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government has extended financial assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu for construction of a tourist complex at Thanjavur for which an amount of Rs. 25.60 lakhs has been sanctioned out of which Rs. 12.50 lakhs has been released in 1990-91. As part of India Tourism Year Scheme the centre has agreed to extend financial assistance to the State Government for following facilities:

(1) Upgrading facilities at Hotel Tamil Nadu—Rs. 5.50 lakhs

(2) EPABX facility at Hotel Tamil Nadu Thanjavur—Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(b) Due to operational and commercial reasons presently it is not possible to re-start air service to Thanjavur

Air-conditioned Trains to Stations in Thanjavur

4741 SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide air-conditioned train services to stations in Thanjavur district, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Railway Projects in Orissa

4742. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going

railway projects in Orissa and the progress made in the completion of each project;

(b) the estimates and target dates of completion of each of those on-going projects;

(c) whether there has been inordinate delay in the completion of each project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Details of on-going new railway line projects in Orissa, progress made and their target date of completion are as under :—

S. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost	Physical progress of work upto July '91	Target date of Completion
1.	Koraput-Rayagada (164 km)	353.28	81%	30-6-92
2.	Talcher-Sambalpur (172 km)	100.00	22.45%	Target date for completion of 34 km section**

**From Talcher to Angul and from Sambalpur to Maneswar is 31-12-91.

(c) and (d) There is some delay in completion of these projects due to delay in handing over land by the State Government, heavy rains and a devastating cyclone besides acute shortage of diesel due to the Gulf crisis. Further delays have also occurred due to abnormal increase in minimum wages and royalty by Govt of Orissa.

(e) The Railway is being provided adequate funds and other assistance for ensuring satisfactory progress on these projects.

Project for LPG separation Facilities in Tamil Nadu

4743. SHRI S. B SIDNAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approved a project for LPG separation facilities in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed project; and

(c) the time by which this plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) M/s Madras Refineries Ltd. is setting up a project at Panangudi village in Thanjavur District to produce 16500 MTPA of LPG using natural gas from Cauvery Basin at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.4 crores. It is estimated to be completed by January, 1994.